



South Yorkshire Federation of WIs News and Views

SUBSCRIPTIONS 2024/25

Reminder to all that the 24/25 Subs of £48 is due to your WI in April.

Treasurers, please do not wait until all subs have been paid before transferring the SYFWI and NFWI proportions to SYFWI.

First payment for subs received should be made at the end of April with subsequent payments made monthly thereafter. Additional Fees and Subscription forms can be downloaded from SYFWI website [Downloads \(southyorksfedwi.org.uk\)](https://southyorksfedwi.org.uk)

MCS reps please work with your treasurer to ensure MCS is kept up to date by ticking the box to indicate that payment for 24/25 has been received. At the end of May any members who have not paid their subs should be marked in MCS as no longer a member.

BOTANICAL GARDENS **Clarkehouse Road, Broomhall** **Sheffield S10 2LN**

WEDNESDAY 17 JULY
1.5 Hour Guided Tour

Meeting at the gardens at 10.45 am for the 11 am tour
Meeting at the gardens at 12.45 pm for the 1 pm tour

£7 per person - please indicate on the Application Form which
Tour you would prefer.

Blue Badge parking is available at the top of the drive off Thompson Road, S11 8RB entrance
Wheelchair accessible and onsite Curator's House Cafe open for refreshments



TREASURE TRAIL AT WALKLEY



FRIDAY 17 MAY
AT 6.30 pm

£30 PER TEAM OF 4
£8 SPECTATORS
INCLUDING SUPPER
Closing date: 1 May

INSPIRING WOMEN IN YORKSHIRE **SATURDAY 22 JUNE** **10 am - 3 pm**



4 inspirational women Speakers
Includes tea/coffee on arrival
Soup and a roll, followed by choice of
dessert.
£22.50 per person
Closing date 30 May

TREASURE TRAIL AT BARNBY DUN



**WEDNESDAY 26
JUNE AT 6.30 pm**
£30 PER TEAM OF 4
£8 SPECTATORS
INCLUDING SUPPER
Closing date: 11 June



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EVENT	DATE & TIME	VENUE	CLOSING DATE	PRICE
Treasure Trail	Fri 17 May @ 6.30 pm	St Mary's Church Hall, Howard Road, Walkley, Sheffield S6 3RX	1 May	Team - £30 Spectator - £8
Treasure Trail	Wed 26 Jun @ 6.30 pm	Barnby Dun Social Club, High Street, Barnby Dun, Doncaster DN3 1DS	11 June	Team - £30 Spectator - £8
Inspiring Women in Yorkshire	Sat 22 June @ 10 am	Dinnington Resource Centre, Laughton Road, Sheffield S25 2PP	30 May	£22.50
Botanical Gardens	Wed 17 July	Clarkehouse Road, Broomhall, Sheffield S10 2LN	25 June	£7
SAVE THE DATE				
Old Moor Nature Reserve	Tue 17 Sept	Old Moor Lane, Wombwell, Bolton upon Dearne, Barnsley S73 0YF	3 Sept	£6 RSPB members free
Federation Quizzes	Fri 4 Oct 2024			
Resolutions Shortlist Mtg	Mon 2 Dec 2024 @ 7 pm	Zoom		
Carol Service	Mon 9 Dec 2024			

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO 'SYFWI' OR PAY BY BACS. Send completed Application Form to Hall Cross Cottage by post or email.

COURSE/EVENT FEES AND/OR DEPOSITS WILL NOT BE RETURNED UNLESS CANCELLED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OR RELEVANT SUB TEAM.

Message from Federation Chairman
Dear Ladies



Well at long last it looks as though Spring is finally on its way! The hedgerows are looking greener and more colourful. All our neighbouring Federations are holding their Annual Meetings and as Trustees we are invited to attend. It is interesting to find out how they are coming up with ideas to solving some of the problems that we are also experiencing. How can we encourage more members to attend events organised by their Federations and what is it that would make them want to attend? The biggest problem does seem to be, when to hold these events; midweek, during the day time - many members are working. Midweek in the evening - many members are reluctant to travel to other parts of the Federation. Weekends - family time. If only there was a simple answer to this problem. Please let us know your ideas as to how to overcome this problem.

Best wishes
Dorothy Meekins - Federation Chairman

OFFICE & FINANCE **Ingrid House: philip.house2@btopenworld.com**
50/50 CLUB DRAW - CONGRATULATIONS!!!!
 Winning £13 No 48 - Mary Pavey, Todwick WI
 Winning £13 No 64 - Sandy Acaster, Loversall WI
 Winning £13 No 107 - Fay Diprose, Bawtry WI

CURRENT AFFAIRS & RESOLUTIONS

Susan Webster: susanj-webster@sky.com

At our Inspiring Women in Yorkshire event next month, we are hoping those attending will be able to donate toiletries and personal hygiene items that can then be divided among Women's Refuges in each of the Federation's metropolitan boroughs.

Donations of such items are essential in the bid to help women and their children fleeing domestic abuse. Items very much in demand are washcloths, soap, shampoo and conditioner, shower gel, hairbrush and comb, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes.

The Federation has made similar requests in the past and the response has been very positive. We know it is quite common practice among local WIs to collect and deliver similar items locally, but the feeling is that making this practical gesture on behalf of South Yorkshire Federation of WIs is a good fit with the female orientated theme and will be another example of women coming together to support other women.

The closing date for the event is 30th May, so please contact your WI Secretary, or the Federation Office (tel: 01302 482388) to reserve your place (no tickets will be issued so please provide a name and telephone number) and if you can, please bring an item for our Women's Refuge collection. Thank you.

HARTHILL WITH WOODALL WI

At our Annual Meeting in March. We'd also like to extend an invitation to neighbouring WIs to our September meeting, Tuesday 17th from 19:15. A small group of us joined Walkley Orchids WI last year when Howard Middleton gave a talk on his Bake Off experience and we've organised for Howard to come to us. Tickets are £8 each and can be booked via email to harthillwoodallwi@gmail.com.



WENTWORTH WI

Our lovely Easter Bunny (Cynthia Shaw) at Harley Mission Easter Fair. Money raised from our cake and produce stall was donated to the Mission.



SPEAKER RECOMMENDATIONS

From Crosspool WI:

'Pus and Prejudice' is a lively 45 minute talk by Jenny Rudd, in which she champions the legacy of Mary Wortley Montagu, a trailblazing woman with South Yorkshire connections. Jenny takes the audience on a tour through a smallpox ridden 18th century England to the steamy Turkish baths of Constantinople to discover how Mary introduced 'immunisation' to our shores, flouting the rules of 'feminine behaviour' in her wake. Jenny questions why such a historically important achievement is attributed to a man, and asks the audience to consider the legacy of Mary's actions on their own health status today.

The talk fee is £60 including expenses within 10 miles of Sheffield S7. Slightly more for further afield.

Questions are welcome at the end of the talk.

Jenny can be contacted via email jenniferrudd@hotmail.com

From Barnsley Phoenix WI:

We had a fantastic speaker called **Paul Whittaker** - he is a Deaf Musician from Huddersfield. He spoke about his life overcoming the difficulties of getting a Music Degree, his charity work and meeting the Queen several times and getting an OBE and was highly engaging. He taught us to sign to a song and he was one of the most entertaining speakers we have seen in a long time and he took the time to speak to our members at the end and everyone loved him. I can highly recommend him.

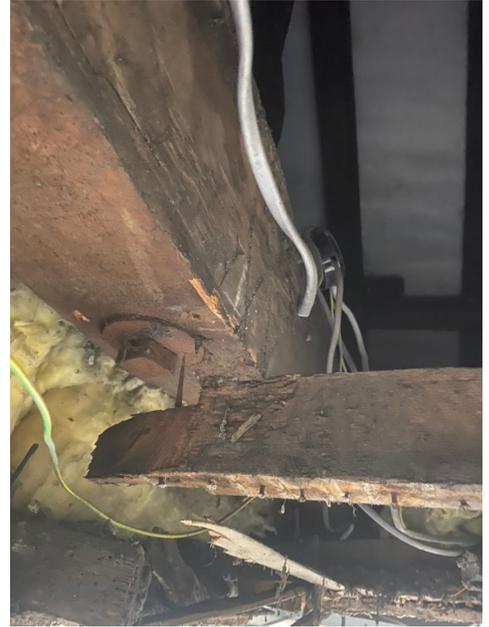
Paul Whittaker - Deaf Musician

paul@paulwhittaker.org.uk

His charge was £75 including transport

UPDATE ON REPAIRS TO THE CEILING AT HALL CROSS COTTAGE

We are pleased to inform you that all the repairs to the joists and ceiling at Hall Cross Cottage have been completed. Here are a few before and after pictures of the damage caused by woodworm. The Boardroom has a new ceiling, carpet tiles and has been painted. New wooden joists have replaced the damaged ones and the wooden joists and beams inside the whole of the roof area have been treated to prevent future damage. We still haven't received the invoice yet so do not know the costs involved at the time of writing.



HIGH LEVELS WI - SUNSET BOULEVARD

On Tuesday 19 April, 30 members of High Levels WI had a visit to Sheffield Lyceum Theatre to see a production of Sunset Boulevard by the Croft House Theatre Company. A coach transported the eager ladies and as they arrived early there was time for a refreshing drink prior to the performance. Enthusiasm for the outing was guaranteed as the leading lady in the show was Mary Kingsnorth, known by many as Mary Daw. Mary is a local lady with an amazing amount of talent and she had liaised with a WI member who organised the visit.

Seats in the centre of the stalls enabled everyone to see and hear well. The version of Sunset Boulevard was created by Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber and has been in the West End and on Broadway. Mary was excellent as the leading role and was supported very ably by seven other members of the Croft Team. High Levels members had time to cross the courtyard after the show and await the arrival of the star. A drink was enjoyed by many and congratulations expressed to Mary on her arrival. A short while later it was time to climb onto the coach for the return journey.

High spirits ensued as the coach driver ably returned everyone to their starting point, probably making bedtime a little later than usual for many.

Two or three members of High Levels WI organise a variety of outings very efficiently. As it happened the theatre outing was the evening before the regular meeting so as spirits were still high on Wednesday evening the response to future events was very positive. More venues for outings were suggested and the small organising group was congratulated and thanked very warmly before settling down to listen and watch a talk about Canal Art by Stuart Garfoot.



CANTLEY WITH BRANTON WI

Members' chosen charities for 2023 were the Doncaster branch of Parkinson's UK and Firefly. Following some incredible teamwork by all our members we had two very successful fundraisers during the latter part of last year. This allowed us to give £300 to each of our selected charities, as well as to donate to Kilham Hall Management Committee for the purchase of some much-needed new chairs for our meeting venue. Pictured below are President, Lynne Dobson and Vice President Catherine Rusby handing over the funds on behalf of Cantley with Branton WI at our last meeting.



**QUIZ ANSWERS
TERMS ALL RELATED TO
GARDENING**



1. Mower
2. Hardy
3. Spade
4. Cloche
5. Prune
6. Loppers
7. Rake
8. Allotment
9. Tender
10. Loam
11. Fork
12. Secateurs
13. Hybrid
14. Compost
15. Bulb
16. Plant
17. Pergola
18. Weed
19. Manure
20. Arbour
21. Trowel
22. Flowers
23. Hoe
24. Artificial Grass
25. Topiary
26. Patio
27. Potting Shed
28. Shrub

CANTLEY WITH BRANTON WI

After the success of last year our WI is holding our Christmas Fair again this year on the 9th November 2024 at Kilham Hall Branton, Doncaster.

If you would like to have a stall at the Fair we would love to hear from you. Contact our Vice President, Catherine Rusby – catherinerusby@talktalk.net
Tel: 01302 831638 or 07775 834607 for details.

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Tickets from Women's Institute Nether Edge.
email - winetheredge@gmail.com
or pay on the door.

Venue - Ecclesall Church Hall,
Ringinglow Rd.,

Date - May 11th. 2pm - 4pm.
Doors open 1.30pm.

Refreshments available. Raffle prize

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OUR ENVIRONMENT MATTERS

Positive Steps for the Environment – Number 4

Last year, the Coronation Gardens for Food and Nature scheme was launched by The Wildlife Trusts in partnership with Incredible Edible and the WI to encourage communities across the UK to be even greener gardeners. King Charles has frequently called for humanity to live in harmony with nature and has promoted sustainable food growing alongside planting for pollinators and pesticide-free gardening.

At this time of year, many of us are getting busy in our gardens planting seeds to grow our own fruit and vegetables. Growing our own is another way of living more gently on the earth and reducing our impact as we are not buying produce that has been transported miles across the country (or the world) and we can avoid using harmful chemicals.

Here are some ideas for ways you can make your garden more planet and wildlife friendly:

- 1. Grow healthy food to eat:** this could range from herbs and salads through to vegetables and fruit trees depending on the space you have. Many herbs and vegetables can be grown successfully in containers so you don't need a big garden.
- 2. Plant pollinator-friendly blooms:** butterflies, moths, bees and hoverflies all need sources of nectar and pollen to thrive. As they travel from flower to flower, they also pollinate them, enabling plants to set seed or bear fruit.
- 3. Create a water feature:** this could mean digging a pond but you could also use an old washing up bowl or sink.
- 4. Leave a patch of long grass or a pile of logs:** this will create shelter for wildlife and natural predators such as hedgehogs and frogs. Don't forget, this month is No Mow May so give your lawnmower a rest!
- 5. Go chemical and peat-free:** avoid using pesticides, weedkillers and peat.

LOVERSALL WI
TUESDAY 21st MAY

Annual Coffee Morning

Coffee or Tea Plus light refreshments

10am - 12 noon

In the WI Hut, Loversall DN11 9DE

Stalls and games and everything to tempt you

Tickets £4

Tickets available from Loversall Committee members or just come and bring your friends

Ring - 01405 785349



With effect from 2 April
2024 our office hours
are:-

9.30 am - 2.30 pm
Tuesday and Wednesday
and 9.30 am - 2.30 pm
by appointment on
Thursday